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**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please **AMEND** paragraph 17 as follows:

In some embodiments, retaining segments as a whole or just the projections may be formed of a bioadsorbable material, examples of which include those taught in lines 10 – 24 of U.S. Patent 6,173,206. According to these embodiments, if a lead body is chronically implanted, the retaining segment or projections would remain ~~in tact~~ intact long enough to hold the body in place for a period of time up to tissue encapsulation of the body; this may facilitate extraction of a chronically implanted lead. One example of an appropriate bioadsorbable material, polydioxanone is described along with means for molding the material in U.S. Patent 4,490,326, the teachings of which are incorporated by reference herein.

Please **AMEND** paragraph 19 as follows:

Figure 2B further illustrates retaining segment 30 including a coating 36, which is soluble in body fluids; according to this embodiment, coating 36 fills in around projections 31 and remains ~~in tact~~ intact temporarily, during positioning of lead body 312, so that lead body 312 may be moved back and forth through a vessel if repositioning is necessary. Suitable materials forming coating 36 are soluble in body fluids (within a temperature range encompassing normal body temperature), non-toxic, biocompatible and non-pyrogenic; examples of such a material include sugar derivatives, such as mannitol and dextrose, salts, such as sodium chloride and potassium chloride, and polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP). Portions of U.S. Patent 4,827,940 teaching methods for forming and applying a mannitol solution are incorporated by reference herein. According to an alternate embodiment, a covering in

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the form of a thin wall tube may be deployed over retaining segment 30 in place of coating 36. It should be noted that any of the embodiments described herein may include such a coating or a covering facilitating positioning of lead bodies.

Please **AMEND** paragraph 20 as follows:

Figure 2C is an enlarged plan view of means for retention according to another embodiment. Figure 2C illustrates a retaining segment 300 coupled to a portion of lead body 312 and including a proximal end 3210 and a plurality of projections 310, each of which extend around all or a portion of a circumference of lead body 312 and extend laterally from lead body 312 at angle 33 with terminal ends 311 of projections 310 directed toward proximal end 3210.